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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION  
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Dear Sir:

The shortened statutory period for responding to the February 22, 2002 Final Office Action ends on May 22, 2002. Accordingly, this response is timely filed upon mailing with an executed certificate of mailing on or before May 22, 2002. 37 CFR § 1.8.